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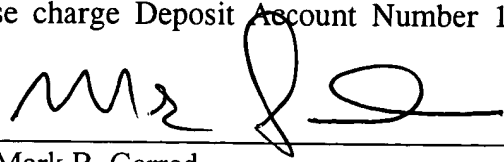
The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2003 in relation to the above-identified patent application, and the follow-up telephone interview conducted between the Examiner and Applicant's counsel on July 8, 2003. Based on that interview, by this Amendment, Applicant has made a number of non-narrowing modifications to each of independent Claims 16 and 25 intended only to clarify the recitations therein. More particularly, Claims 16 and 25 have each been amended only to clarify that the bottom surfaces of the leads, which are of at least two different lengths, are exposed in the encapsulation material of the semiconductor package. Independent Claim 31 has not been amended since, in its current form, the same clearly states that the leads are configured such that the bottom surfaces thereof which are exposed in the encapsulation material are of at least two different lengths. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 16, 25 and 31 are not rendered obvious by the combination of Prior Art Figures 1 and 2 and the Okumura et al. reference for the reasons discussed with the Examiner during the July 8, 2003 telephone interview, and explained on pages 5 and 6 of the Remarks section of Applicant's prior Amendment filed May 19, 2003.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of independent Claims 16, 25 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as presented in the Final Office Action of June 20, 2003 have been overcome, and that such claims are now in condition for allowance, as are Claims 17-24, 26-30, and 32-35 as being dependent upon respective allowable independent claims. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the present Amendment does not raise new issues which would require further searching on the part of the Examiner, and therefore respectfully requests that the same be considered and entered by the Examiner.

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